International Conference

**European Pragmatism: Historical and Contemporary Perspectives**

Organizer: Institute Vienna Circle, University of Vienna.

Together with: ERC Project “The Emergence of Relativism” (Martin Kusch), Department of Philosophy, Faculty of Philosophy and Education, University of Vienna, and the FWF Hertha-Firnberg-Programme “Ramsey’s Probability of Truth” (Monika Gruber)

Vienna, April 19-21, 2018

“Pragmatism” can be understood in different ways: more narrowly as a specific school of philosophy, or more broadly, as a perspective on science and human life. C.S. Peirce and W. James understood pragmatism primarily as a distinctive ‘method’ for dealing with philosophical questions. Other proponents of pragmatism found it more important to emphasise its pluralism: in this vein, A.O. Lovejoy distinguished thirteen and F.C.S. Schiller seven forms of pragmatism respectively. When taken in in this pluralist way, pragmatists were united – primarily or merely – by a common concern for practice and action; for taking seriously the results of modern science (especially Darwinism); or for negotiating the divide between relativism and absolutism.

According to the dominant narrative, pragmatism originated in the U.S. from where it spread to Europe and influenced a wide range of different authors. While there is some truth in this story, it fails to mention that pragmatist themes developed in Europe also independently from the philosophies of Peirce, James up to Dewey. In the philosophy of science, for example, there was a convergence of European Logical Empiricism (e.g., R. Carnap, O. Neurath, M. Schlick, H. Reichenbach) and American Neo-pragmatism (e.g., Ch. Morris, C.I. Lewis, W.V.O. Quine).

The purpose of the workshop is to identify and reassess different forms of “European pragmatism”, and how they interacted with American pragmatism. Natural starting points are Ernst Mach, Wilhelm Jerusalem, or Tadeusz Kotarbinski. The distinctive character of various national European traditions (esp. in Central Europe, UK, Nordic Countries, France, Italy and Poland) will be highlighted. A special session will be devoted to Frank P. Ramsey.

**Confirmed Speakers:**

Anna Brożek (Warsaw), Rosa Maria Calcaterra (Rome), Hans-Joachim Dahms (Berlin), Christian Damböck (Wien), Pascal Engel (Paris), Massimo Ferrari (Torino), Maria Carla Galavotti (Bologna), Mathias Girel (Paris), Monika Gruber (Vienna), Martin Kusch (Vienna), Robert McKenna (Vienna), Christoph Limbeck-Lilienau (Vienna), Giovanni Maddalena (Campobasso), Kevin Mulligan (Lugano), Cheryl Misak (Toronto), Matthias Neuber (Tübingen), Sami Pihlström (Helsinki), Donata Romizi (Vienna), Friedrich Stadler (Vienna), Johannes Steizinger (Vienna), Bastian Stoppekamp (Vienna), Claudine Tiercelin (Paris), Thomas Uebel (Manchester).
Rosa Maria Calcaterra: Scientific Method and Juridical Accountability in Mario Calderoni’s Pragmatism

Anna Brozek: Pragmatic Motives in the Lvov-Warsaw School

Hans-Joachim Dahms: Pragmatism in the Third Reich: Martin Heidegger and the Case of Eduard Baumgarten

Christian Damböck: Wilhelm Dilthey and Pragmatism

Pascal Engel: Pragmatism and its Enemies in France towards 1900

Massimo Ferrari: Schlick and Lewis. Verificationism between Logical Empiricism and Pragmatism

Maria Carla Galavotti: Pragmatism and the Birth of Subjective Probability

Mathias Girel: Three Pragmatist Claims and their Supporters in Europe around 1900

Monika Gruber: Frank P. Ramsey and Hannes Leitgeb on Belief

Martin Kusch: Pragmatist Themes in the Young Georg Simmel

Christoph Limbeck: Pragmatist Influences on the Vienna Circle between 1926 and 1934

Giovanni Maddalena: Vailati, Papini, and the Synthetic Drive of Italian Pragmatism

Robert McKenna: Pragmatist Themes in Edward Craig and Bernard Williams

Cheryl Misak: Ramsey and the Vienna Circle

Kevin Mulligan: Phenomenology and Pragmatism – Three Triangles

Matthias Neuber: Boodin’s Pragmatic Realism

Sami Pihlström: Pragmatism in the Nordic Countries

Donata Romizi: “For Philosophies are Acts” – Some Aspects of Charles Renouvier’s Influence on William James

Johannes Steizinger: Pragmatism Beyond Truth: Nietzsche’s Perspective of Life

Friedrich Stadler: What is „European“ in Pragmatism?

Bastian Stoppelkamp: Vienna Naturalism and American Pragmatism

Claudine Tiercelin: Lovejoy, Fouillée and Peirce on the Power of Ideas

Thomas Uebel: The Social in Pragmatism – The Case of Wilhelm Jerusalem
PRELIMINARY PROGRAM

Venue: Hotel Regina, Rooseveltplatz 15, 1090 Wien

Thursday, April 19, 2018

14.30 - 15.10: Friedrich Stadler, What is „European“ in Pragmatism?
15.15 - 15.55: Bastian Stoppelkamp, Vienna Naturalism and American Pragmatism
16.00 - 16.40: Thomas Uebel, The Social in Pragmatism – The Case of Wilhelm Jerusalem
Coffee Break
17.00 – 17.40: Christoph Limbeck, Pragmatist Influences on the Vienna Circle between 1926 and 1934
17.45 – 18.25: Massimo Ferrari, Schlick and Lewis. Verificationism between Logical Empiricism and Pragmatism
19.00 Reception for Speakers (Hotel Regina)

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Friday, April 20, 2018

9.00 – 9.40: Christian Damböck, Wilhelm Dilthey and Pragmatism
9.45 – 10.25: Johannes Steizinger, Pragmatism Beyond Truth: Nietzsche’s Perspective of Life
10.30 – 11.10: Martin Kusch, Pragmatist Themes in the Young Georg Simmel
Coffee Break
11.30 – 12.10: Sami Pihlström, Pragmatism in the Nordic Countries
12.15 – 12.55: Matthias Neuber, John Elof Boodin's Pragmatic Realism
Lunch Break
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19.00: Dinner / Heuriger for Speakers